



Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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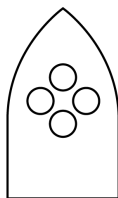
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Children's Message	Erika Olson
Lector	Dave Engelsgaard
Vocalists	Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Cindy Nelson, Tim Wicker

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Rich Gronner; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, CES (Community Emergency Service), and Wapo Bible Camp

**Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship
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HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship, Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Prelude on ‘St. Columba’”

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

See next page for music

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

C: O God our shepherd, you know our sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

THE PSALMODY 780

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Refrain (sing after each stanza)

All
Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
death in - to life. life.
to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 | to stanza 4

L: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

L: Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

L: Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

L: You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Refrain

L: Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Refrain

THE READING

Acts 2:42-47

L: *Introduction: Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

L: The Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

L: *Introduction: Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep

follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN 789 (st. 1-2)

See next page for music.

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all time and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

L: Shepherding God, we thank you for the church, for the familiarity, the comfort it brings, and the way you use it to mold us and shape us. May it continue to be a place where we can discover your grace and mercy; where we can grow in you.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Guiding God, no one should be in want. Bid the nations to return to your paths of righteousness and inspire our leaders to walk in your ways, so that all may have the opportunity to live abundantly and sustainably. Guide our leaders to make wise decisions as we live with this pandemic. May they hear your voice, and follow it.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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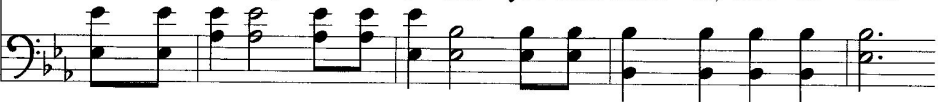
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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L: Nurturing God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregation. May none of our neighbors lack for their basic needs. Bring healing, O God, to all those who aren't well, whether they be mentally, emotionally, physically, or spiritually in need.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Krentz Organ

OFFERTORY RESPONSE 361 (st. 3)

“The Day of Resurrection!”



3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;



for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!

SENDING

BLESSING

L: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life,
fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN 883 (st. 1-3)

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

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A moment of silence

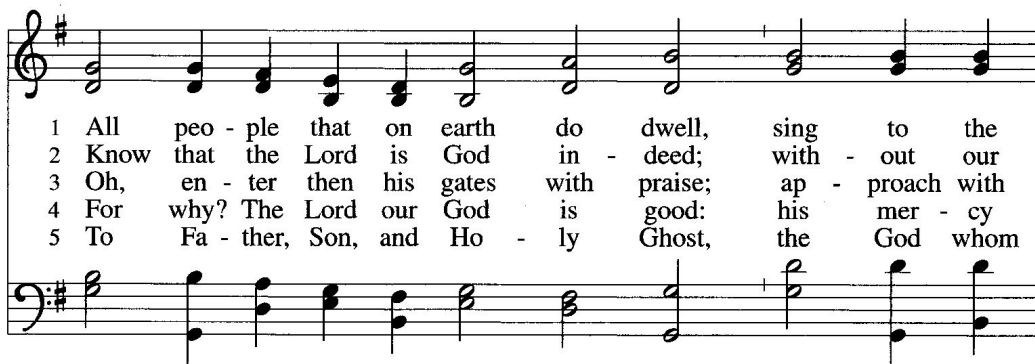
POSTLUDE

“All People that on Earth do Dwell”

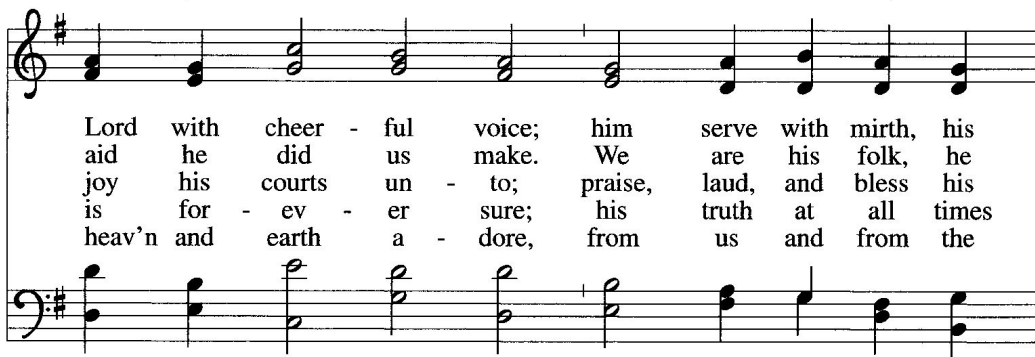
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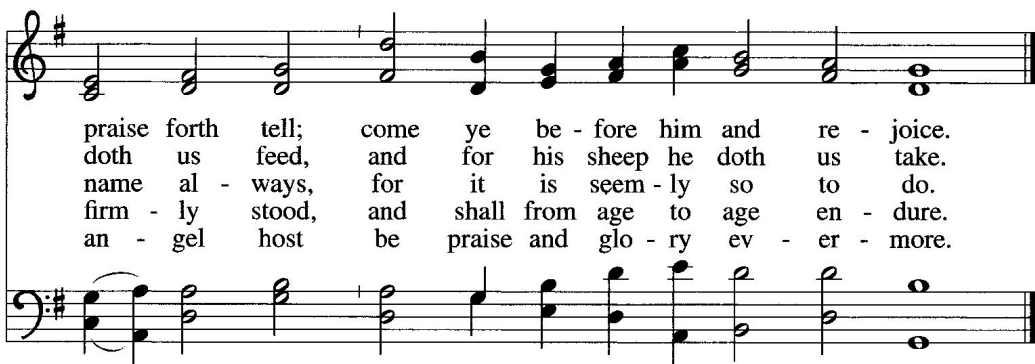
All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
 Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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